

much I appreciate his sensitivity to the problems we have in my State, particularly in regard to cleanup of Rocky Flats.

I yield back the remainder of my time.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, let me say to Senator ALLARD and to the people of your State, because the community of interests have come together—and much of that is attributable to your leadership—we are now able to say to all of the country that we finally have one of these sites that must be cleaned up, that has a date, a date certain, that it will be cleaned up. Now, that is a rarity.

If the American people knew how long it takes us to clean up one of these sites because of a variety of reasons—some of which are not very good, yet we are stuck with them—they would be delighted, as I am, that we now have one that can be cleaned up and completed and we can say this is part of history in that area, and the surrounding communities are rid of this waste.

We saw that daylight, and we put in extra money. We are not apologetic in a tight budget year to say we put more in because we have to have some successes. We are busy spending our taxpayers dollars in projects of cleanup that we cannot even tell you will ever get cleaned up. Some of the things causing that we can't even change here on the floor of the Senate unless we go back and undo State law and have more hearings and look at contracts. Maybe that ought to be done, because there is a bit of irrationality regarding some of the projects of cleanup that now turn out to be situations where, when the project was in full bloom and operating to produce whatever it was producing for the nuclear deterrent system, they had fewer workers than they have cleaning up. The Senator probably found that in his research as he familiarized himself with this particular dilemma.

I am very pleased that people like you went to the community and clearly indicated that there aren't a lot of options. If they don't want to let some of these things happen, it will all stay there. You told me that. You took the lead in convincing many people that those who didn't want one thing done, unless it was absolutely beyond perfection, with no possible risks involved for anyone or anything, that we wouldn't move a bit of this waste under those conditions. I laud you for that. I am glad we found money to put in to take care of it quickly.

Mr. ALLARD. If the Senator will yield for a moment, I will do everything in my power to make sure this money is spent wisely on that project. We are trying, through our office, to make sure it is well spent. My commitment to you is, we are working hard to help you in overseeing that it is spent responsibly.

Again, we appreciate your sensitivity to the urgency of this matter. And like

you, I hope that when we get this cleaned up, we can again clean up sites all over the country with similar situations. I appreciate the high priority you have given this particular site. I thank the chairman.

(Mr. SMITH of Oregon assumed the Chair.)

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, we want to say to the leadership of the Senator's community there in his State, at least you understand we don't have a clean project that is going to go on forever. We are not past that stage in some areas. Some people think that paychecks by the hundreds of millions ought to be coming on for another 100 years. I don't know how we are going to be able to do that. Costs will keep going up. We have to find some satisfactory ways, with our intelligence, science, and innovation, to do some of these things better. That is what is happening there.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I wonder if the Senator from Michigan wants to state the purpose for going into morning business. Does he want 5 minutes as if in morning business, or 10 minutes?

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I respond. Earlier today a resolution was introduced to commemorate the victory of the Detroit Red Wings. I would like to complete the action on that, and if we had 5, no more than 10 minutes, certainly this would be done.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Michigan have up to 10 minutes for the purpose he just stated, and then, after that time has expired, we return to the pending business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from New Mexico.

#### CONGRATULATING THE DETROIT RED WINGS ON WINNING THE 1998 NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 251, which was introduced earlier today by Senator LEVIN on his behalf and my behalf.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 251) to congratulate the Detroit Red Wings on winning the 1998 National Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship and proving themselves to be one of the best teams in NHL history.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I was initially going to seek to dispense with the reading of the resolution. But it sounds so good that I could not help to want to hear and allow our gallery to hear, as well, those words.

We in Michigan, and hockey fans, I think, throughout the world, are excited by the victory Tuesday night of the Detroit Red Wings in the Stanley Cup hockey finals.

Earlier today, Senator LEVIN, on his behalf and my own, introduced a resolution to commemorate that victory. I will not take the time of the Senate to read the entire text of that resolution again. But I would like to stand here today to acknowledge and express the pride that he and I and the Detroit Red Wings fans, not only in Michigan but everywhere else, have as the team on Tuesday won its second consecutive Stanley Cup hockey championship.

Last Friday, I had the opportunity to host the visit of the Stanley Cup itself to the Senate. We had the chance to share with our colleagues a little bit about the history of that most ancient trophy, which commemorates each year the winner of hockey's ultimate championship.

As I say, this is the second straight year that championship has been won by the Detroit Red Wings. It is also the second straight year that the Red Wings have won the championship with a four-game sweep, clearly an indication of the talent and the abilities of this team.

I think this year's victory was also special for a variety of other reasons that I would like to mention.

First, as evident throughout the season and certainly during the final days of the playoffs, this victory was special because of the presence in the players' spirits and minds, and then ultimately at the arena itself, of Vladimir Konstantinov, one of the stars of last year's championship who was innocently the victim of an auto accident and injury that made it impossible for him to play this year. We all wish him a speedy recovery, although he is still wheelchair bound.

It was a special win because the players dedicated the season to him and to the team trainer, Sergei Mnatsakanov, who likewise had been injured in that automobile accident.

It marked the eighth straight Stanley Cup victory for Scotty Bowman, and that ties him with his mentor, Toe Blake, for the most victories of this championship in the history of the NHL.

It was a special victory because team captain Steve Yzerman, in his 15th season, was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy, which is a trophy that goes to the most valuable player in the playoffs. Those of us who have followed Red Wing hockey throughout that time

know just how much he has meant not only to Detroit hockey but hockey in the NHL, one of the great players of all time.

We in Michigan refer to Detroit as "Hockeytown U.S.A." That has been our designation, but I think this victory, coupled with last year's victory, will make it clear, to everyone who may have had some doubts as to where the ultimate center of hockey spirit in this country is, that at least until they are dethroned, Detroit, MI, is that center and the Detroit Red Wings are the team that deserve the accolades they were able to achieve on Tuesday night.

Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD at the appropriate place as if read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 251), with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 251

Whereas on June 16, 1998, the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Washington Capitals, 4-1, in Game 4 of the championship series;

Whereas this victory marks the second year in a row that the Red Wings won the Stanley Cup in a four game sweep;

Whereas the Stanley Cup took its first trip around the rink in the lap of Vladimir Konstantinov, the Red Wings defenseman who was seriously injured in an accident less than a week after Detroit won the Cup last year;

Whereas Vladi and his wife Irina, whose strength and courage are a source of pride and inspiration to our entire community are an exemplary Red Wings family and Vladi's battle is an inspiration to all Americans;

Whereas Marian and Mike Ilitch, the owners of the Red Wings and community leaders in Detroit and Michigan, have brought the Stanley Cup back to Detroit yet again;

Whereas the Red Wings, as one of the original six NHL teams, have always held a special place in the hearts of all Michiganders;

Whereas it was a profound source of pride for Detroit when the Wings brought the Cup back to Detroit in 1954 and 1955, the last time the Wings won consecutive NHL championships;

Whereas today, Detroit continues to provide Red Wings fans with hockey greatness and Detroit, otherwise known as "Hockeytown, U.S.A." is home to the most loyal fans in the world;

Whereas the Red Wings are indebted to Head Coach Scotty Bowman, who has brought the Red Wings to the playoffs 3 times in the last 4 years, and with this year's victory, has earned his eighth Stanley Cup victory, tying him with his mentor Toe Blake for the most championships in league history;

Whereas the Wings are also lucky to have the phenomenal leadership of Team Captain Steve Yzerman, who in his fifteenth season in the NHL, received the Conn Smythe Trophy, given to the most valuable player in the NHL playoffs;

Whereas each one of the Red Wings will be remembered on the premier sports trophy, the Stanley Cup, including Slava Fetisov, Bob Rouse, Nick Lidstrom, Igor Larionov, Mathieu Dandenault, Slava Kozlov, Brendan Shanahan, Dmitri Mironov, Doug Brown,

Kirk Maltby, Steve Yzerman, Martin Lapointe, Mike Knuble, Darren McCarty, Joe Kocur, Aaron Ward, Chris Osgood, Kevin Hodson, Kris Draper, Jamie Macoun, Brent Gilchrist, Anders Eriksson, Larry Murphy, Sergei Federov, and Tomas Holmstrom: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the U.S. Senate congratulates the Detroit Red Wings on winning the 1998 National Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I again thank the Senator from New Mexico for giving us the chance to do this today. I appreciate his indulgence. I thank the Chair.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I call for the regular order.

AMENDMENT NO. 2713

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The regular order is amendment No. 2713.

Mr. DOMENICI. We have no objection to Senator INOUE's amendment No. 2713.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate on the amendment, without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 2713) was agreed to.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. REID. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, parliamentary inquiry. Is it correct that the Coats amendment is now the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask Senator COATS what is his pleasure.

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, we are awaiting word from New Jersey, one of the States that is affected by this amendment, an exporting State. We are assured that we will have an answer one way or the other. It really rests in their hands. I think we have consensus to go forward, but there seems to be a problem with that State. I see the Senators from those States now. I think we will be able to give an answer very shortly.

Mr. REID addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I can say to my friend, the manager of the bill—

and I say this with some reluctance because I have such great respect for the junior Senator from Indiana—I have received calls from Connecticut, Montana, and there are others—

Mr. DOMENICI. Illinois.

Mr. REID. Illinois. I think the New Jersey problem is not the problem. There are many problems related to this. This is not going to go away. I wish I had better news, but we have a number of States that are very concerned about this.

If I can get the attention of the Senator from Indiana, I do not think the Senator from Indiana heard what I said. I say this with the greatest respect for my friend from Indiana, we have not only received calls from the New Jersey delegation, but have received calls from Illinois, Montana, Connecticut. Some people may not have a concern with this bill but have one of their own dealing with the transportation of waste, trash. I just have told them to stay in their offices until we see if we can get this worked out. I am really concerned about this kind of bogging things down, for lack of a better description.

Mr. COATS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Indiana.

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I had a discussion earlier with the Senator from New Mexico. I had a discussion with the chairman of the Appropriations Committee. I told the Senator from New Mexico that it is not my intention to bog down this bill. I understand the dilemma the Senate is in due to the 4 weeks we spent on the tobacco bill without resolution. We have appropriations bills that need to move.

I assured the Senator from New Mexico that it was not my intent to do this. I was operating on the assumption that the agreement that we so torturously reached in 1996, that received the unanimous support of every Senator, including the Senators from New York and the Senators from New Jersey, including the Senators from Illinois and exporting States, after days and weeks and months of negotiations, that that would still be operative.

Now it seems that everything has changed. I am not going to insist on my rights to allow this amendment to tie up this appropriations bill. I think there is important work in the Senate that needs to be done. I will just say to my fellow Senators, this is an issue that is not going to go away. I said it in 1990. I have said it every year since. It has passed the Senate five times, sometimes by unanimous consent, sometimes by 94 votes.

Importing States are at a tremendous disadvantage, and they have no say in the ways in which they can manage their own environmental destiny as it regards municipal solid waste. Exporting States can continue to make promises about what they are going to do. The fact of the matter is they apparently are not delivering on those promises. We were assured time after